**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

The library will be closing at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 24 and Saturday, December 31. The Bunker Hill Branch will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on those days. Additional holiday closings are listed on the back of this newsletter.

**EXHIBITS AT THE LIBRARY**

Stop by the library for different art and culture exhibits every month. Our first floor exhibit areas will feature paintings by Tom Rosa and a festive display of nutcrackers in December, Art Deco chrome wares and historic views of Venice in January, and memorabilia from the P.R.I.D.E. Cultural Center in February.

The Children's Room will exhibit artwork from Tinker Elementary School in December, Rotella Magnet School in January, and Bunker Hill Elementary School and St. Mary's School in February.

**PUBLIC HEARING: INTERNET FILTERING**

A public hearing will be held in the library auditorium on Wednesday, December 21 at 6 p.m. to address a proposed technology protection measure (filtering) and Internet safety policy to be adopted by the library in accordance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

**TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!**

How are we doing? What services should we add?

Take our survey and let us know! The survey is available online at our website, www.bronsonlibrary.org. If you prefer a paper survey, you can pick one up at the main library and at the Bunker Hill branch library.
Readers’ Garden Bookstore

Hi Everyone — The Holiday Season is here and, as promised, we have a variety of items for sale with holiday themes: there are large books, hardcovers, paperbacks, CDs, DVDs, and VHS. You may want to pick some up for gift giving/stocking stuffers, or just buy some for yourself and enjoy reading some lovely holiday stories. Also, check out our sales cart in the Children’s Department for holiday items.

In January, we will be offering a great selection of history books on our sales table. Sharing the sales table will be biographies of people from all walks of life, including politics, history, and the arts.

In February, look for special offers on cookbooks, crafts, how-to, and popular authors.

The Bookstore offers an ongoing book sale throughout the year at bargain prices, starting as low as 10¢. Please visit and tell your friends about us. The Bookstore is open during regular library hours and payment for your purchases is taken at the circulation desk in the front lobby. All proceeds benefit the library.

Join the Friends of the Library

Members of the Friends receive this newsletter in the mail. Membership rates start at $15/year for students and seniors; $25/year for individuals; $50/year for patron; and $100/year for corporate memberships. To join, please send a check payable to the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library, P.O. Box 2853, Waterbury, CT 06723 and indicate that it is for a new membership. Membership brochures are available at the library with additional information.

Donate to the Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Silas Bronson Library is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the mission and programs of the Silas Bronson Library. Funds raised by the Friends are used to cover expenses related to the library’s public programs and to provide additional funds for library services. Donations to the Friends may be sent to us at P.O. Box 2853, Waterbury, CT 06723.

Book Donations

If you would like to donate books, please call the library at 203-574-8222 to schedule a delivery time.
**Computer Classes**

**One-on-One Computer Help**
By Appointment
Call 203-574-8225 or visit the Reference Desk at the main library to schedule your appointment.
Have a tablet, but don’t know how to use it? Need to figure out how to set up an email account? Wondering how to use the library’s Wi-Fi? You can now schedule a half-hour appointment with one of our librarians to learn the basics of internet technology.

**Intro to Internet**
Mondays, 2 p.m.
*Computer Classroom*
Learn how to navigate the internet to read the news, shop online & do general research. Learn the basics of using a browser to navigate various websites with an understanding of Internet security. Learning how to use email and Skype. Pre-requisite: Students should have basic computer skills.

**Walk-in Computer Help**
Tuesdays & Fridays, 2 p.m.
*Computer Classroom*
Stop by for help with computer, laptop, tablet or phone (beginner or advanced). Assistance provided to perfect your resume and cover letter and save these documents to the cloud. Job search skills too.

**Online Databases**
Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.
*Computer Classroom*
Find out how to use the library’s online resources, from downloading eBooks to using Lynda.com, NoveList Plus, InstantFlix, the Small Business Reference Center, and the Small Engine & Auto Repair Reference Centers.

**Waterbury B.R.A.S.S. Classes**
The Silas Bronson Library offers computer classes for Waterbury seniors through the B.R.A.S.S. program at the Waterbury Senior Center on East Main Street and at the Mount Olive Senior Center. All Waterbury seniors ages 60 and over are welcome to participate.

For more information about the Senior Center, please call (203) 574-6746,

Starting this winter, the library will be offering B.R.A.S.S. computer classes at the Bunker Hill Branch, thanks to a grant from the Connecticut Community Foundation.

Waterbury B.R.A.S.S. is a collaboration between the City of Waterbury, Connecticut Community Foundation, New Opportunities, Inc., and Western Connecticut Area on Aging, working together to engage residents ages 60 and over. B.R.A.S.S. offers a range of opportunities and programs to help Waterbury become a great place to grow older.

**B.R.A.S.S. at the Branch**
Tuesdays, 3 p.m.
Saturdays, 2 p.m.
*Bunker Hill Branch*
Learn how to use a tablet, smartphone, or computer. You will be assisted in using the internet, Wi-Fi, eBooks, and more! For seniors ages 60 and over. Free parking.
COMMUNITY JIGSAW PUZZLES
Daily
Main Reading Room
Help finish a puzzle—anyone can join in. Add your skill to those of others and help complete the puzzle.

SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB
First Monday of the month, 6 p.m.
Mezzanine
New members welcome.

December 5: Perfect Peace by Daniel Black
January 9: Stepping to a New Day by Beverly Jenkins
February 6: Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead

BRASS CITY TOASTMASTERS
Mondays, December 12, January 9 & 23, February 13 & 27
6 - 7:30 p.m.
Auditorium
The Brass City Toastmasters’ mission is to empower individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders. Meetings are open to all interested parties.

FRIENDS OF THE SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY
Tuesday, December 13, 3 p.m.;
Tuesday, January 10 & February 14, 4 p.m.
Mezzanine
Open to all members of the Friends. Join us at our meetings to find out how you can get involved and help support the library.

SCORE BUSINESS MENTORING
Thursdays, 10 a.m.
By appointment only
Volunteer business counselors are available by appointment to mentor entrepreneurs and small business owners. To learn more, visit our website at bronsonlibrary.org/score.

COLORING FOR ADULTS
Every Saturday, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Main Reading Room
Coloring for adults is a way to relax and express creativity. We provide the pages and coloring pencils. Participants take their work home to enjoy and show their friends!

CHESS CLUB
Saturdays, December 10, January 14, February 11, 2 p.m.
Teen/YA Area
Chess players are invited to come to the library to share their love of the game, meet new chess players, and play chess. Chess boards and pieces will be provided.

CRASH COURSE IN DSLR
Tuesday, December 6, 6:00 - 7:45 p.m.
Main Reading Room
Ron DiLaurenzio will teach you how to use Digital Single-Lens Reflex (DSLR) cameras. Perfect for people who want to “move up” from digital point-and-shoot cameras, or for experienced film photographers who want to learn this “newfangled” technology.

POINTERs ON POINT & SHOOT CAMERAs
Tuesday, December 13, 6:00 - 7:45 p.m.
Main Reading Room
Ron DiLaurenzio will teach you how to do more with the camera you already have. Improve your skills with your phone’s camera or with your point-and-shoot digital camera. Find out if you’re ready to upgrade to something more advanced.
ANCIENT AMERICA
Thursday, December 8, 6 p.m.
Main Reading Room
Kenneth L. Feder, author and Professor of Anthropology at CCSU, will present a slideshow of his newest book, *Ancient America: Fifty Archaeological Sites to See for Yourself*. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

SATURDAY MATINEE: THE SOUND OF MUSIC
Saturday, December 17, 12 p.m.
Auditorium
Get ready to burst into song with this classic favorite from 1965. Rated G.

HAUNTED HOUSES OF CONNECTICUT
Thursday, January 12, 6 p.m.
Main Reading Room

HOW TO WRITE & PUBLISH A MYSTERY
Saturday, January 21, 2 p.m.
Main Reading Room
Wally Wood, author of *Death in a Family Business*, will show you how an avid mystery fan takes an understanding of the elements of a good mystery to actually write one.

CULT FILM FESTIVAL WITH CARMINE CAPOBIANCO
Saturday, January 28, 12 p.m.
Auditorium
Local actor and movie buff Carmine Capobianco joins us for a screening of two of his early movies filmed in Waterbury and Prospect, *Galactic Gigolo* and *Psychos in Love*. The movies will be followed by a discussion of present-day independent horror film making. Adults only!

CALLING ALL POETS (…and poetry lovers)
Wednesday, February 1, 6:30 p.m.
Auditorium
This month’s featured poet is Carl Dean, Jr., who began writing poetry as an adult, reflecting upon the hardships and blessings of living. Dean will read from his poetry, accompanied by his djembe, an African drum. Dean’s poetry is featured in Jamise Dame’s novel, *Mama’s Baby, Daddy’s Maybe*, an *Essence* magazine bestseller.

HISTORY OF NUTMEG STATE BEER BREWING
Saturday, February 18, 2 p.m.
Auditorium
Self-described “beer snob” and author Will Siss presents a history of beer in Connecticut, from colonial times to the present day. Copies of his book, *Connecticut Beer: A History of Nutmeg State Brewing*, will be available for purchase and signing. Beer will be available for tasting—must be 21 or older!
IMAGES OF AMERICA: AMERICA’S DISTORTED IMAGES
Thursday, February 2, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Main Reading Room
Jeffrey Fletcher will present some of his collection of artifacts from the eras of slavery and segregation, giving you an opportunity to experience a powerful visual display of what motivated the trailblazers and pioneers who forged the way for equality as well as freedom for African Americans today. The exhibit embraces the teachings of tolerance, diversity, unity and educating people that there was a time when imagery played a significant role in how African Americans were perceived.

Fletcher, an African American, is a 21-year veteran of the New Haven Police Department. He began collecting and exhibiting these artifacts to educate people about the history of racism in the United States.

MUSIC FROM MOTOWN TO BROADWAY
Saturday, February 11, 1 p.m.
Main Reading Room
Local performer Moses Beckett and Friends will perform music celebrating black history from Motown, ballet, and Broadway. Snow Date: Saturday, February 25.

WATERBURY PIONEERS: CHESHIRE COUNTRY CLUB
Thursday, February 16, 6 p.m.
Main Reading Room
Library Director and local historian Raechel Guest will present the history of the Cheshire Country Club, founded by a group of Waterbury residents in 1917 as the first country club in the United States to be owned and operated by and for African Americans.

THE LIFE OF ASA PHILIP RANDOLPH
Wednesday, February 22, 6 p.m.
Main Reading Room
Robert Wright will discuss the life of A. Philip Randolph (1889-1979), a leader in the Civil Rights movement and the American labor movement. A precursor of Martin Luther King, Jr., Randolph led the March on Washington Movement (1941–1946) with Bayard Rustin, which led to banning discrimination in World War II defense industries – and later ending segregation in the armed services.

SATURDAY MATINEE: FREEDOM RIDERS
Saturday, February 25, 12 p.m.
Auditorium
Based on Raymond Arsenault’s book, Freedom Riders: 1961 and the Struggle for Racial Justice, this two-hour documentary tells the story of the summer of 1961 when more than 400 Black and white Americans risked their lives traveling together in the segregated South to protest segregation.

Norwich Bulletin, 9 August 1917
For every person who loves libraries, there is a story about what the library means to them. We want to collect and share those stories. Is the library important to you? Do you have a story to tell? Share it with us!

Libraries are about more than just books. Libraries are centers of knowledge and learning, places where everyone is able to seek out information. Whether you’re rich, poor, or somewhere in between, whether you’re young or old, whether you’re at the peak of your career, just starting out, or just starting over, libraries can enrich your life and give you the tools you need to transform your life.

All Waterbury residents, past and present, are invited to share their stories of the Silas Bronson Library having a positive impact on their lives.

How to Share Your Story
Online: bronsonlibrary.org/share
Mail: Share Your Story, Silas Bronson Library, 267 Grand Street, Waterbury, CT 06702

When to Share Your Story
Anytime! There is no deadline; we will keep sharing your stories for as long as you keep sharing them with us.

What Happens to My Story?
We will share your story online and/or in print, and we will save a copy in our archives. We may edit your story for spelling, if needed.

What About My Privacy?
We will use only your first name when we share your story. We will use your image only if you send us a photo of yourself. If you prefer to remain anonymous, just let us know, and we will not share your name or image.

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Your Stories Shared

My first visit to the Silas Bronson Library was at its Brooklyn branch in 1948. Holding my mother's hand, we strolled down from our rent on Washington Avenue and walked inside the little brick building with the jazzy Romanesque facade that echoed that of its neighbor, Duggan School.

The Children's Room was on the second floor, up one flight of wooden steps that led, in my opinion, to paradise. So many books! Books in bins and on shelves that lined all sides of the little room that overlooked Bank Street from a tall, wide window in its front wall.

And there, in plain sight on a low child sized table in a shaft of sunlight, was my first library book, Millions of Cats, by Wanda Gag.

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**CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS**

**WEEKLY PROGRAMS**

**STORYTIME PLUS**
Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
*Children’s Room*
Children and caregivers will enjoy story time, listening and singing to music, marching and playing in a band, doing finger games, and creating a craft.
For preschoolers age 5 and under.
Groups must register three weeks in advance.

**BABIES AND BOOKS**
Wednesdays, 10 a.m.
*Picture Books Room*
Enjoy lullabies, nursery rhymes, finger plays, bounces, and sign language. Best with one child per adult. For children age 24 months and under. No registration required.

**MOTHER GOOSE**
Thursdays, 10 a.m.
*Auditorium*
Nursery rhymes, visual and audio technology are used in this modern Mother Goose program.
For children age 4 and under.
Groups must register three weeks in advance.

**JAMMIE JAMS**
Thursdays in December, 6 p.m.
*Children’s Room*
“Pajama” story time for ages 3 - 7; bring your favorite teddy bear, wear your PJs, and jam with music, songs, & stories!
(Note: will not be held on December 22.)

**BRONSON LIBRARY HOMEWORK HELP**
Monday-Friday, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
*Children’s Room*
Need help on an assignment? You can get it here!
For students in Grades 3-8.

**CODING CLUB FOR KIDS**
Wednesdays, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
*Computer Classroom*
Children of all ages are welcome to join in this club activity. Come learn what coding is and how to do it.

**YOUNG YOGIS**
Wednesdays, 6 p.m.
*Children’s Room*
Exercise your mind and body with yoga every Wednesday this winter from December 7 to February 22.
For ages 4 and up.

**YOUNG POETS’ CLUB**
Thursdays, 4 p.m.
*Media Room*
Find inspiration from our books, get practice and help writing poetry, and share your poems with other young writers. For ages 9-12.

**SUPER SATURDAYS**
Saturdays, 1 - 3 p.m.
*Children’s Room*
Crafts, games, coloring, and more!
For ages 4 and up.
(Note: will not be held on December 24 or 31)
**WINTER READING CLUB**
December 1 - January 31
*Children’s Room*
Winter is a great time for reading, and our Winter Reading Club will help keep kids motivated to read. Participants will be given a score card to log their reading. Children will be required to read, or be read to, for a total of 25 hours.

At the end of the program, participants will be able to enter a raffle to win a prize. Bring your completed score card with your full name and phone number to enter the raffle.

All children from birth to 8th grade are welcome to join the winter reading fun! If they are not yet readers, they may participate if someone reads to them. Sign up is open until January 23.

**CLASSIC KIDS MOVIE: THE SANTA CLAUSE**
Saturday, December 10, 10 a.m.
*Auditorium*
Get in the Christmas spirit with the 1994 movie starring Tim Allen. Rated PG.

**A CHRISTMAS CAROL**
Thursday, December 22, 6 p.m.
*Children’s Room*
The Hampstead Stage Company presents a theatrical performance of the classic tale of Ebenezer Scrooge. For ages 5 and up.

**SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO SILAS BRONSON!**
Friday, December 23, 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Children’s Room*
Santa Claus will be visiting Silas Bronson, you’ll have an opportunity to tell him what you want for Christmas and maybe take a photo or two. For ages 1 to 12.

**THREE KINGS DAY**
Friday, January 6, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Children’s Room*
Get creative and design a Three Kings Day craft. Come in anytime and be crafty. Design a crown, color or make a Three Kings Day card.

**CLASSIC KIDS MOVIE: HOOK**
Saturday, January 14, 10 a.m.
*Auditorium*
This 1991 classic film by Stephen Spielberg stars Robin Williams as Peter Pan, Dustin Hoffman as Captain Hook, and Julia Roberts as Tinkerbell. Rated PG.

**WINTER RECESS AT THE LIBRARY**
Tuesday, December 27 - Friday, December 30
*Children’s Room*
No need to stay home all week: stop by the library any time we’re open during the Waterbury Public School’s Winter Recess and enjoy crafts, coloring, LEGO’s, and more!

**42nd ANNUAL POETRY CONTEST**
Get ready to start writing! Information about this year’s poetry contest will be available in the Children’s Room and our website beginning Tuesday, January 3. Open to all children in Grades 1-8 who live or attend school in Waterbury. Contest ends April 15.

203-574-8200
**CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS**

**ANIMAL SHOW ON THE GO**
Thursday, January 19, 6 p.m.
*Children’s Room*
Meet rescued animals cared for by Cindy King, a Master Wildlife Conservationist. Learn about their life cycles and ecosystems.

**BRONSON BOOKWORMS**
Wednesday, January 25, 6 p.m.
*Mezzanine Meeting Room*
Tweens! Nurture your love of reading and meet new friends. In January, we’re reading *I Kill the Mockingbird* by Paul Acampora.

**SATURDAY MORNING MOVIE: MULAN**
Saturday, January 28, 10 a.m.
*Auditorium*
To save her father from death in the army, a young maiden secretly goes in his place and becomes one of China’s greatest heroines. Rated G.

**TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY**
Saturday, February 4, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Children’s Room & Library*
Join us for a celebration of the library! We’ll have special activities in the Children’s Room all day. If there’s snow on the ground, we’ll have a snow sculpting workshop outside. If there’s no snow, we’ll have an ice carving demonstration on the front lawn. Either way, it will be a fun day for the whole family!

**CLASSIC KIDS MOVIE: OLIVER & COMPANY**
Saturday, February 11, 10 a.m.
*Auditorium*
A lost and alone kitten joins a gang of dogs engaged in petty larceny in New York. Rated G.

**LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD**
Saturday, February 18, 3 p.m.
*Children’s Room*
A day for youths to have their voices heard. We will share, discover, and learn about our heroes from each other through spoken word, songs, and other art forms.

**BRONSON BOOKWORMS**
Wednesday, February 22, 6 p.m.
*Mezzanine Meeting Room*
Tweens! Nurture your love of reading and meet new friends. In February, we’re reading *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* by Grace Lin.

**SATURDAY MORNING MOVIE: THE LION KING**
Saturday, February 25, 10 a.m.
*Auditorium*
The story of Simba, a lion cub who cannot wait to be king, searches for his destiny. Rated G.

**LET’S GO LEGO!**
Monday, January 30, 6 p.m.
Monday, February 27, 6 p.m.
*Children’s Room*
If you like building with LEGO®s, then you’ll love “Let’s Go LEGO!” The program is held on the last Monday of the month. LEGO®s are provided. For ages 6 to 12.
**TEEN/YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS**

**TEEN GAME TIME**
Thursdays, December 1, January 5, February 2, 3 - 5 p.m.
Auditorium

Bring a friend, or come alone and make new friends. A variety of popular board games, card games, and more will be provided, along with snacks. Teens only!

**TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Saturdays, December 3, January 7, February 4, 11 a.m.
Teens/YA Area

Bring your ideas to a brainstorming session on what YOU want at the library. Is there a book or DVD you’d like us to purchase? An event you’d like us to host? Let us know! Free parking and donuts provided.

**TEEN MOVIE MATINEE: THE DUFF**
Tuesday, December 20, 3 p.m.
Auditorium

In this 2015 comedy, frumpy high school senior Bianca has a rude awakening when she learns that her classmates secretly know her as The DUFF—Designated Ugly Fat Friend—and must reinvent herself with the help of a popular jock. Rated PG-13.

**TEEN MOVIE MATINEE: NERVE**
Thursday, January 19, 3 p.m.
Auditorium

In this 2016 thriller, high school senior Vee Delmonico finds herself caught up in an online game of truth or dare. Rated PG-13.

**TEEN MOVIE MATINEE: THE FAULT IN OUR STARS**
Thursday, February 16, 3 p.m.
Auditorium


**TEEN FINANCIAL AID NIGHT**
Wednesday, January 18, 6 p.m.
Auditorium

Get ready for college with some free and valuable information about scholarships and financial aid. The American Savings Foundation and Connecticut Community Foundation are the presenters at our annual Bronson Library event. Snow date: January 24.

**TEEN WINTER CHOC-Olympics**
Thursday, February 9, 3 p.m.
Auditorium

Bring your A game to the 2017 Silas Bronson Library Choc-Olympics. Events include Oreo Stacking, Bowling For Chocolate and the Chocolate Hockey Shootout (with real chocolate hockey pucks). Snow date: February 10.

**NAME THAT (OLD SCHOOL) TUNE**
Tuesday, February 28, 3 - 5 p.m.
Auditorium

Finish up Black History Month with your knowledge of music from the 1960s, 1970s, 1980s and 1990s. Name the title, artist and year and see if you are the king/queen of old school music. For teens in Grades 8-12. Sign up at the Circulation Desk.
**Silas Bronson Library**

**Library Hours**

**Main Library**
Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
*(Saturday hours start September 10)*

**Bunker Hill Branch**
Tuesday 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Friday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 1 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
*(Saturday hours start September 10)*

**Locations**

**Main Library**
267 Grand Street
Waterbury, CT 06702

**Bunker Hill Branch**
192 Bunker Hill Avenue
Waterbury, CT 06708

**Library Closings**

Monday, December 26
Monday, January 2
Monday, January 16
Monday & Tuesday, February 20 & 21

**Parking Information**

Main Library
Kiosk parking is available on Grand Street and in the parking lot between the Library and City Hall.
Handicapped spaces are available in the parking lot. Parking rates apply.
*Parking rates: $1 per hour; free after 6:30 p.m.*

Bunker Hill Branch
Free parking is available in our lot on Aurora Street.

**Contact Information**

Main Number: 203-574-8200
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Children’s Division: 203-574-8213
Director’s Office: 203-574-8222
Reference Desk: 203-574-8225
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